

**SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**July 1, 2014**

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all members present as well as County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, County Attorney Robin Finke, County Auditor Kim Saterbak and Amanda Ness. Several citizens were in the audience.

Chairman Fox asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. None were reported.

**07-01-14-01** Commissioner Klemm moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hendrickx indicated that the motion to accept the property values as submitted was omitted from the Board of Equalization minutes.

**07-01-14-02** Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: (1) Minutes from the June 17, 2014 Meeting (2) Minutes from the June 17, 2014 Board of Equalization (3) Approval of increased credit card purchasing limits for certain employees (4) Approval of a lease for tower space with Pioneer Public Television for 800 MHz radio equipment (5) Approval for the Sheriff Department to purchase a snowmobile (6) Approval of a resolution expressing intent to make a general obligation pledge to Swift County-Benson Hospital refunding bonds

Commissioner Peterson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO MAKE  
GENERAL OBLIGATION PLEDGE TO SWIFT COUNTY – BENSON  
HOSPITAL REFUNDING BONDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Swift County, Minnesota (the “Board”), as follows:

1. Swift County – Benson Hospital (the “Hospital District”), a hospital district organized under Minnesota Laws of 1992, Ch. 534 Sections 6 to 20 (the “Act”), proposes to issue bonds pursuant to the Act to refund the outstanding Hospital Revenue Bonds (Swift County General Obligation), Series 2007 (the “2007 Bonds”) of the Hospital District.

2. The County pledged its general obligation to the 2007 Bonds to be refunded. This Board hereby approves the pledge of the general obligation of the County to up to \$6,250,000 of bonds (the “Refunding Bonds”) to be issued by the Hospital District to refund the 2007 Bonds in order to achieve debt service savings. In connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the Chair and County Auditor shall execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in substantially the form on file. The Secretary of the Hospital District is authorized to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds pursuant to the Act with a pledge of the full faith and credit of the County in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners on this 1st day of July 2014.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickx, and upon vote being duly taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Fox, Hendrickx, Klemm, Peterson, and Rudningen

and the following voted against the same:

None

and the following were absent:

None

(7) Approval of a joint powers agreement for the workforce service area #6 and (8) Approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Court Memorandum of Understanding.

**07-01-14-03** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$193,537.10; Road and Bridge: \$286,179.01; Solid Waste: \$9,782.21; Welfare & Family Services: \$83.58; County Health Insurance Fund: \$1,060.00; and County Ditches

Fund: \$3,300.00 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: 6W Department of Community Corrections, \$90,401.73; City of Benson, \$10,000.00; Commerford Construction Inc., \$3,300.00; Countryside Public Health, \$44,381.00; Craig's Inc., \$2,980.69; Duininck Inc., \$265,664.75; E&M Electric LLP, \$3,790.36; Hildi Inc., \$3,260.00; Maney International of Alexandria, \$2,393.51; Reedsburg Hardware Company, \$3,582.37; City of Benson Treasurer, \$6,435.89; US Postal Service, \$8,000.00; Waste Management of Northern Minnesota, \$9,183.48; Yellow Medicine County Jail, \$5,380.13; and Ziegler Inc., \$8,494.16. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Chairman Fox reported on SPCC, Chippewa River Watershed, Hospital Finance, and the Road Tour. Commissioner Klemm reported on DAC, Extension's Regional Advisory Meeting on Invasive Species, and RDA. Commissioner Peterson reported on HRA and Prairie Five Community Action Council. Commissioner Rudningen reported on CEEVI Drug Task Force, Pioneerland Library Board, Prairie Lakes Youth, Insurance Committee, Extension's Regional Advisory Meeting on Invasive Species, and Technology Committee. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on SPCC, RDC, Insurance Committee, and a meeting with the DNR Commissioner of Parks and Trails.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board that the EPA's rules on Waters of the U.S. have an extended commenting period, the August 12<sup>th</sup> primary election absentee ballots are available and the mail-in ballots will be sent out soon, he is working with Parks and Drainage Supervisor Mike Johnson and Sheriff Holtz on the Invasive Species Policy, and the Health Insurance Fund Balance is ahead of track compared to what was expected.

Chairman Fox opened the floor for citizen's comments.

Katie Reardon of 100 NW Sligo St, Clontarf spoke on behalf of Youth Programs as a public school teacher and community member and preferred to see money spent on prevention rather than rehabilitation or delinquency.

Susan Knutson of 115 50<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Benson rose as a supporter of Youth Programs as an OKK camp participant and future counselor.

Shelly Vergin of 1075 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Benson spoke as a supporter of Youth Programs as a parent of OKK camp participants and Advisory Board member and asked the board to consider options other than cutting the program.

Jacque Larson, Swift County Restorative Justice Coordinator, spoke on behalf of Youth Programs and asked the board to reconsider cutting the program and to look at evidence based programming as an alternative to the research based programming.

Peggy Knutson of 115 50<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Benson spoke as a supporter of Youth Programs as a parent of OKK camp participants and asked the board to consider a sliding pay scale or scholarships to continue the Youth Programs camps.

Regional Extension Educator Brian McNeill, Interim 4-H Program Coordinator Karissa Zimmerman, Office Supervisor Casey Olson, and Southwest Regional Director Kathy Schwantes updated the board on the many University of Minnesota Extension Service offerings including 4-H.

Land Records Director Mary Amundson discussed the termination by the Secretary of State's Office of the UCC Satellite Agreement as of December 1, 2014 and actions being done to maintain the relationship so counties can continue to offer our customers that service locally.

County Engineer Andy Sander updated the board on maintenance work on County Road 31 which is being used by MnDOT as a detour and County Road 6. Purchases on these projects will exceed Mr. Sander's purchasing limits.

Chairman Fox asked the board to consider setting a policy for baling road ditches. After some discussion it was decided that the mowing would continue as is with the tentative mowing start date published on the County's

website. No action was taken by the board.

**07-01-14-04** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to authorize work on Highways 31 and 6.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver presented the board with five alternatives on how to proceed with Swift County Youth Programs, recommending the first alternative which is to discontinue the Youth Programs Department as of August 22, 2014.

**07-01-14-05** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to allow the Youth Programs Advisory Board to find ways to reduce funding reliance, emphasizing cooperation with other organizations and reporting back to the Board of Commissioners at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with five options for them to consider. Motion was defeated 2-3 with Commissioner Rudningen and Commissioner Klemm voting for the motion.

**07-01-14-06** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve moving Youth Programs under the Human Services umbrella. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Rudningen voting against the motion.

**07-01-14-07** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve funding Youth Programs at \$30,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board on the Classification and Compensation Study with final job descriptions scheduled to go out next week with tentative pay scales. Employees will have two weeks to review, respond, and appeal.

Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting at 11:51 AM.

WITNESSED:

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Joe Fox, Chair

ATTEST:

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Michel Pogge-Weaver, Clerk of the Board